

1. A method of removing nano-sized pathogens from a liquid, the method comprising contacting the liquid with a filter comprising activated carbon particles wherein said filter has a Pathogen Removal Index (PRI) of at least about 99.99%.
2. The method of Claim 1 wherein the filter has a PRI of at least about 99.999%.
3. The method of Claim 2 wherein the filter has a PRI of at least about 99.9999%.
4. A method of removing viruses from a liquid, the method comprising the steps of contacting the liquid with a filter comprising activated carbon particles wherein said filter has a Virus Removal Index (VRI) of at least about 99.99%.
5. The method of Claim 4 wherein the filter has a VRI of at least about 99.999%.
6. The method of Claim 5 wherein the filter has a VRI of at least about 99.9999%.
7. The method of Claim 4 wherein the filter comprises activated carbon particles having inter-particle spacings that result in a bulk density of from about 0.6 to about 0.8 g/cm<sup>3</sup>.
8. The method of Claim 7 wherein a mixture of activated carbon particles of different size and/or shape are utilized.
9. An article of manufacture comprising:
  - (a) a filter comprising activated carbon particles, wherein said filter has a PRI of at least about 99.99%; and
  - (b) information which communicates to a user that the filter may be used to remove nano-sized pathogens from a liquid.

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